

With the warmer weather comes road construction. A public information session on the US 51 construction project was held on Thursday, May 9th, 2013 at 5 p.m. at the DeForest Area Public Library. The session was led by Mashuda Contractor's, Inc. (the road construction contractor) and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Below are traffic impacts that were discussed at the meeting and are outlined on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's website:

Reardon Rd.

- Beginning May 13, 2013, Reardon Rd. will be closed at US 51.
- Reardon Rd. will be rerouted to Windsor Rd. and the new Pederson Crossing Blvd. (constructed to gravel).
- Message boards are located to the north and south of Reardon Rd. along US 51 to alert traffic to this closure.

Vinburn Rd.

- Beginning May 20, 2013, Vinburn Rd. will be closed at US 51 to the east for a three week period.
- Vinburn Rd. will be closed from US 51 to the east approximately 600 ft.
- Vinburn Rd. will still have access to US 51 from the west.
- Vinburn Rd. east will not have a posted detour. Travelers will need to find a way around.
- Windsor Rd. will be open during the Vinburn Rd. closure.
- Message boards will be installed along US 51 7 days prior to alert traffic to this closure.

Windsor Rd.

- The Windsor Rd. closure can begin any time after June 10, 2013 and will run through Sept. 27, 2013.
- Windsor Rd. will be closed to the west and east of US 51, but the closure will end before the next available road to both the west and east.
- Traffic will be re-routed around the closure via a temporary Gray Rd./North Towne Rd. intersection, except for a three week period beginning the end of July.
- School bus access will be provided through the project area for the fall semester beginning Sept. 3, 2013.
- Windsor Rd. will have a posted detour, directing travelers along Lake Rd./County CV, Vinburn Rd. and Portage Rd.
- Message boards will be installed along US 51 seven days prior to alert traffic to this closure.

For further information, including detour maps, and for future updates please use the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's website for the US 51 Expansion Project at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/us51>.

In addition to the above work this summer there will be bridge replacement construction on STH 19, between US 51 and County C. The most recent schedule is as follows:

- May 7th - Project Advertised for Bidding
- June 11th - Bid Project (Letting)
- June 18th (+/-) - Award Project to Winning Bidder
- July (mid) - Public Information Meeting by Contractor
- Construction is 58 Calendar Days
- July 22nd - Construction Start Date (projected)
- July 29th - Start Date of Detour (projected)
- Detour is 45 Calendar Days - STH 19 Closure Time
- August 9th - End Date of Detour (projected)
- September 11th - Construction End Date (projected)

For further information, including detour maps, and for future updates please use the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's website for the WIS 19, Token Creek (US 51-County C) bridges replacement at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/swregion/19/index.htm>.